

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2023
CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING
6:30 P.M.**

The Chippewa Township REGULAR Board meeting was called to order by the Chippewa Township Supervisor, Bryan Roels at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: Bryan Roels, Kristin Lytle, Julie Austin, Annette Walters, & Debbie Zielinski

Absent: None

Let the record show a quorum of the Chippewa Township Board was present.

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023, Regular Township Board Meeting, and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURER REPORT: Account Balance as of 9/31/2023 is \$651,489.45. **MOTION K.Lytle/A.Walters** to approve the Treasurer Report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None at this time.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Library representative, Linda Myers was not in attendance, but provided K.Lytle with her report. The library board is looking for grant opportunities for next year. They discussed the Inflation Reduction Act and the County Marijuana Tax fund. They will seriously consider both for 2024. The renewal of the library millage proposal is in 2024 and will be on the February or November ballot. The entire library policies were adopted. It has been a lengthy endeavor, but they are now finalized.

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to approve the Library Report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

ASSESSING REPORT:

Andrea reported, in person, that 7 deeds were processed, 5 PTA's, 0 PRE's, 0 denial, 0 rescind, and 5 address changes. Andrea has completed her continuing Education classes for this year. She received 1 land division application that will need to be reviewed by the Township Board next month. She also received one land combination request. **MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle** to approve the Assessors Report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Mecosta County Commissioner, Jerilyn Strong reported that two Police officers have recently resigned. There were 533 ambulance runs in September. They are putting a current EMS employee through Paramedic schooling. Jerilyn provided road reports for all

board members. **MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski** to approve the County Commissioner report and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

During the annual sewer pumping rotation, it was found that multiple households are using flushable wipes. Flushable wipes do not break down like toilet paper and must be disposed of at a facility in Mt. Pleasant. This is an extra cost. B.Roels suggested that a letter be sent out to the people in the Sewer District that explains the issues and to change the Sewer ordinance to include fines for use of non-biodegradable items.

MOTION J.Austin/A.Walters to table until the November meeting when we can get further guidance from the Township Attorney. **MOTION CARRIED**

There will be a change in the Sewer Employee Policy. If an employee is on sick leave for more than 2 consecutive days, they need a doctor's slip.

C.L. WEED CONTROL:

A new alga was found on Chippewa Lake; benthic planktonic algae, Rivularia. Chippewa Township officials have received multiple complaints regarding not only the algae, but the overall weeds and lake quality. Discussion was held. It was suggested that PLM put together an informational letter to send to the Chippewa Lake Weed District property owners. (K.Lytle offered to print and mail the letters). B.Roels will work with PLM.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Bills were electronically or personally provided to all Board members prior to the meeting; for review, along with an approval signature voucher. **RESOLUTION**

J.Austin/A.Walters to pay General Fund bills, check numbers 13997 - 14026 in the amount of \$150,159.67. The Sewer District check numbers 11382 – 11410 in the amount of \$31,342.78. Sewer District EFT in the amount of \$4,633.75. And The CLWD check numbers 735 - 737 in the amount of \$14,645.00. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.Lytle read the Mecosta County Sheriff's report. J.Austin reported on the Verizon Tower.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Gibson thanked the Chippewa Township board members for their hard work and dedication to ensure that the Chippewa Township roads are maintained, repaired, and replaced when needed.

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board:

MOTION D.Zielinski/A.Walters to adjourn the October 4, 2023, regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 7:12 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

These minutes were prepared,

By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk